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Brian Gustafson, Administrator
Air Quality Program
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

We are writing to express the support of the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company for the Hyperion Energy Center permit application. Please accept this letter as our formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit as long as all state and Federal air quality requirements are met or exceeded. We strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for South Dakota, the region, and our nation.

We support the Hyperion Energy Center for the following reasons:

- Hyperion has shared with us their commitment to meet or exceed all environmental standards required by SD DENR;
- The economic benefit the state, region, and nation will see from this project is tremendous;
- Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit everyone in the region;
- This project allows South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Steve Howe
Executive Director

On behalf of and with approval of the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company
Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Peters".

Nikki Peters,
Board President

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